

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:391

ANSWERED ON:12.08.2016

Consumption of Tobacco

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of quantum of tobacco in the form of cigarettes and bidis including smokeless tobacco consumed in rural and urban areas of the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to convert the unorganised smokeless tobacco manufacturing sectors into organised sectors and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Apex Court has ordered to ban the sale, purchase and storage of all forms of chewable/smokeless tobacco in the country and if so, the details of status of implementation by States/UTs; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for rehabilitation of the people who are working in the smokeless/chewable tobacco sector?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) No such specific data is maintained centrally by the Ministry. However, as per the information received from the Tobacco Board, Department of Commerce, the Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco used for manufacturing of Cigarettes for the last three years is as follows:

(Quantity in Million Kgs.)

Year

FCV Tobacco

(Threshed Leaf) Consumption/Use

2013-14 60.97

2014-15 57.60

2015-16 (P) 52.29

Note: (P) - Provisional

(b) There is no such proposal in the Ministry.

(c) No such specific order has been given by the Apex Court. However, the Government of India has issued regulations under the Food Safety & Standards Act 2006 which lay down that tobacco or nicotine cannot be used as ingredients in food products.

(d) As per information received from Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Diversification Programme, an ongoing sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been extended to 10 tobacco growing states w.e.f. 2015-16 to encourage tobacco growing farmers to shift to alternate crops/cropping systems. An allocation of Rs. 2500 lakh and Rs. 3000 lakh as central share has been made during 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively to diversify tobacco farming in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.